
Introduced by Senator Emmerson

February 7, 2011

An act to amend Section 1501 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to community care facilities.

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SB 174, as introduced, Emmerson. Community care facilities.

Existing law, the California Community Care Facilities Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of community care and residential facilities by the State Department of Social Services.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1501 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:
3 1501. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that there
4 is an urgent need to establish a coordinated and comprehensive
5 statewide service system of quality community care for mentally
6 ill; ~~and developmentally and physically disabled, and~~ children and
7 adults who require care or services by a facility or organization
8 issued a license or special permit pursuant to this chapter.
9 (b) Therefore, the Legislature declares it is the intent of the
10 state to develop policies and programs designed to: (1) ~~insure~~
11 ~~ensure~~ a level of care and services in the community ~~which that~~
12 is equal to or better than that provided by the state hospitals; (2)

1 ~~assure~~ *ensure* that all people who require them are provided with
2 the appropriate range of social rehabilitative, habilitative, and
3 treatment services, including residential and nonresidential
4 programs tailored to their needs; (3) protect the legal and human
5 rights of a person in or receiving services from a community care
6 facility; (4)—~~insure~~ *ensure* continuity of care between the
7 medical-health elements and the supportive care-rehabilitation
8 elements of California’s health systems; (5)—~~insure~~ *ensure* that
9 facilities providing community care are adequate, safe, and
10 sanitary; (6)—~~assure~~ *ensure* that rehabilitative and treatment services
11 are provided at a reasonable cost; (7)—~~assure~~ *ensure* that state
12 payments for community care services are based on a flexible rate
13 schedule varying according to type and cost of care and services
14 provided; (8) encourage the utilization of personnel from state
15 hospitals and the development of training programs to improve
16 the quality of staff in community care facilities; and (9)—~~insure~~
17 *ensure* the quality of community care facilities by evaluating the
18 care and services provided and furnishing incentives to upgrade
19 their quality.